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The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" I would like to have notice of this question."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask the hon. the Minister when his duty is likely to be finished ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Notice."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask what the extra cost involved to the Government is in deputing a special officer for doing these two pieces of work ? "

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—" Perhaps I may be permitted to answer that question, Sir. There was no extra cost, because owing to the postponement of the meeting of the Assembly, Mr. Moir, who had returned from leave in order to go to the Assembly on a particular date, was without employment for the space of a few weeks. If we had sent him to a district and made him take over charge there for a week or two and then brought him back again, we should have incurred a large amount of expenditure in transfers, and it was cheaper to Government on the whole to put him on to a useful piece of work which we did."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" I am glad to get that answer, Sir."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether the emoluments of Mr. Moir were debited to the Transferred Departments ? "

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—" The answer to that, Sir, is in the affirmative." (Laughter.)

Fees of pupils in the Queen Mary's College.

362 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the fees of pupils in the Queen Mary's College have been or are going to be raised this year ;

(b) the rate of increase ; and

(c) the reasons for the increase ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the revised fee regulations for Arts Colleges under public management published with notification No. 267 on page 804 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 24th October 1922. It has been decided to introduce these regulations in the Queen Mary's College for Women, Madras, from the beginning of the academic year 1924–25. The revision affects all Government Colleges and is consequent on the division of the academic year into *three* terms.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" In view of the fact women's education is a thing which ought to be encouraged, will the hon. the Minister for Education say whether the Government mean making the fees in the Queen Mary's College less than the fees in the other colleges ?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" The question has already been raised and is under examination. It is purely a matter of finance."